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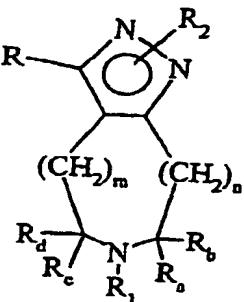
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for treating diseases caused by and/or associated with an altered protein kinase activity which comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a pyrazole-tetrahydro pyridine derivative. The invention also provides specific pyrazole-tetrahydro pyridines, a library comprising at least two of them, a process for their preparation and the pharmaceutical compositions containing them, which are useful in the treatment of diseases caused by and/or associated with an altered protein kinase activity such as cancer, cell proliferative disorders, viral infections, autoimmune diseases and neurodegenerative disorders.



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